

**Regular Meeting
Board of Zoning Appeals
March 2, 2005**

Chairman Jerry Uebelhor called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Lloyd Martin took roll call as follows:

Chairman Jerry Uebelhor	-Present	Randy Mehringer	-Present
Vice Chairman Jim Blessinger	-Present	Bob Wright	-Present
Secretary Lloyd Martin	-Present	Bldg. Comm. Dave Seger	-Present
Ray Byrd	-Present	Atty Sandy Hemmerlein	-Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Uebelhor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the February 5, 2005 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. It was seconded by Bob Wright. Motion carried 6-0.

STATEMENT

Chairman Uebelhor read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

NEW BUSINESS

Petition of Theresa S. Vonderschmitt, Joint declaration of trust dated January 4, 1996 for a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations) for an accessory building (horse barn and riding arena) and also for a variance to allow sleeping quarters in the accessory building.

Dave Hurm was present on behalf of Theresa Vonderschmitt to request a variance to construct a building at 510 Mendel Lane for the purpose of storing horses and to provide sleeping quarters for overnight guests.

The building would be used for recreational purposes only. The sleeping quarters would be used for overnight delivery drivers and possibly as permanent living quarters for an employee/caretaker in the future.

After some advisement from City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein, it was decided that a commitment should be recorded in case there is ever a change of ownership on the proposed property.

There were no remonstrators. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Blessinger made a motion close the public hearing. Ray Byrd seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Randy Mehringer made a motion to grant a variance to build an accessory building, with a height not to exceed 50 feet. Secretary Martin seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice Chairman Blessinger made a motion to grant a variance to allow sleeping quarters in an accessory building with the following conditions; that it only be used for personal recreational use and that the accessory building's sleeping quarters be allowed for overnight guests and/or if for permanent living, then the person living there must be an employee/caretaker of/for petitioner and then only that person's family may reside there with the employee/caretaker. Secretary Martin seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Petition of Keena Abbett for a special exception to allow a Home Occupation (sewing and alterations).

Keena Abbett was present to request a home occupation to allow a sewing and alterations business at a new location. Ms. Abbett currently operates her business at 1083 Meridian Road; however, she recently purchased the property located at 3016 Leslie Drive and is requesting to move her business there.

Ms. Abbett explained that she is in the process of purchasing the lot next to her new residence, which would allow ample parking. Ms. Abbett expects between one to eight customers a day.

Mary Price, of 3110 Howard Drive, asked Ms. Abbett how many employees she would have. Ms. Abbett said she is self-employed and does not intend to hire anyone else.

With no more discussion, Ray Byrd made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice Chairman Blessinger seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Secretary Martin made a motion to grant a special exception to allow a Home Occupation (sewing and alterations) at 3016 Leslie Drive. Bob Wright seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

With no further discussion, Ray Byrd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Wright seconded it. Motion carried 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman

Lloyd Martin, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary